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PART I.

IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

CHIEF SECRETARIAT.

Fixes the Assessment on Cardamom Lands at Rs. 1-4-0 per acre with effect from the year 1929-30.

READ—

Government Order No. 6956-8—Ml. 349, dated the 29th March 1880, laying down that lands taken up for cardamom would be held on the same terms of acreage assessment as coffee lands on a title which will be permanent but subject to revision of assessment once in thirty years.

2. Government Order No. 3724-35—L. S. 10-25-13, dated the 28th December 1926, passing orders raising the rate of assessment per acre from one rupee to one rupee four annas on coffee lands held on temporary tenure with effect from the year 1926-27.

3. Government Order No. R. 1102-14—L. R. 484-26-8, dated the 8th August 1928, issuing revised and consolidated rules, *re* the grant of lands for tea, coffee and cardamom cultivation.

4. Correspondence ending with letter No. C. 2210—27-28, dated the 27th October 1928, from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, in the matter of the increased levy of assessment on cardamom lands as in the case of coffee lands on temporary tenure.

ORDER NO. R. 4450-61—L. R. 436-27-6, DATED 29TH NOVEMBER 1928.

Government are pleased to direct that as in the case of coffee lands granted on temporary tenure, the assessment on cardamom lands be revised and fixed at Rs. 1-4-0 per acre from the year 1929-30.

N. MADHAVA RAO,
Chief Secretary to Government.

Commission to Mr. H. R. Krishnachar, under Sec. 99, L. R. Code.

READ—

Letter No. C. 1605—28-29, dated the 8th October 1928, from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, recommending sanction to the grant of a Commission under Clauses (*a*) to (*e*) of Section 99, Land Revenue Code to Mr. H. R. Krishnachar, Agent of Inam Gollahalli Village, Madhugiri Taluk, Tumkur District.

ORDER NO. R. 4545-6—L. R. 315-28-2, DATED 1ST DECEMBER 1928.

Government are pleased to issue the accompanying Commission to Mr. H. R. Krishnachar, Agent of Inam Gollahalli Village.

N. MADHAVA RAO,
Chief Secretary to Government.

COMMISSION GRANTED UNDER SECTION 99 OF THE LAND REVENUE CODE REGULATION IV OF 1888.

To

By virtue of the powers vested in them by the Land Revenue Code, the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore are pleased to confer on you, Mr. H. R. Krishnachar, Agent of Inam Gollahalli, Madhugiri Taluk, Tumkur District, the following powers specified in clauses (*c*), (*d*) and (*e*) of Section 99 of the Mysore Land Revenue Code to be exercised within the limits of the Inam Village:—

(*c*) To fix from time to time, the times at which and the instalments in which the land revenue or rent due to you shall be payable.

(*d*) To exercise the powers of a Deputy Commissioner under Sections 63 and 64.

(*e*) To receive notices of relinquishment under Section 71 and to determine the date up to which such notices shall be received as in that Section provided.

(2) The above mentioned powers delegated to you are vested in you during the pleasure of and subject to recall by the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

By order,
N. MADHAVA RAO,
Chief Secretary to Government.

Grant of Rewards to persons giving information about destruction of avenue trees.

READ—

Government Order No. R. 1370-89—R. M. 25-28-3, dated the 15th August 1928, issuing instructions in the matter of preventing destruction of avenue trees in the State.

2. Letter No. T. 7—28-29, dated the 14th September 1928, from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, recommending sanction to empower the Amildars to grant, out of the fines realised from the culprits under the Land Revenue Code a reward not exceeding eight annas per case to Kulwadis or other persons giving information to the authorities concerned about cases of damages to and of wilful destruction of avenue trees.

ORDER NO. R. 3193-5—R. M. 25-28-12, DATED 10TH OCTOBER 1928.

Sanctioned. The payment of the reward should pass through the accounts in the same way as the salaries of process service establishment, which should be met out of the notice fee recoveries.

The amount required to be paid as reward should be drawn by the Amildars from the Treasury on a contingent bill pointing out the credit of the fines levied.

N. MADHAVA RAO,
Chief Secretary to Government.

Appointment of a Committee to consider the question of the reduction of the newly established Toll-gates.

READ—

Government Order No L. 8795-874—L. B. 49-25-28, dated the 9th June 1927, passing orders on the Report of the Joint Toll-gates Committee about the establishment and administration of toll-gates on the Provincial District Fund and Municipal Roads.

2. Government Order Nos. R. 5166-84—R. M. 9-27-4, dated 13th January 1928, R. 5942-60—R. M. 9-27-11, dated 6th February 1928 and R. 6338-56—R. M. 9-27-25, dated 18th February 1928, fixing the location of toll-gates to be newly opened on the State Fund Roads under the orders of June 1927, and issuing instructions and revised rules in regard to the administration of the said tolls.

3. Government Order No. R. 8729-40—R. M. 9-27-53, dated the 15th May 1928, passing orders on the Report of the Toll Committee appointed to review the arrangements ordered in the above Government orders.

4. Representations received from the Cotton Merchants of Davangere requesting that the establishment of a number of toll-gates within short distances of each other may be done away with.

5. Resolution No. 7, discussed at the meeting of the Representative Assembly, in regard to the location of the Provincial and District Fund Toll-gates at their respective frontiers.

ORDER NO. L. 3940-64—L. B. 111-28-1, DATED 1ST DECEMBER 1928.

The Joint Toll-gate Committee appointed under Government Order No. L. 4741-50—L. B. 49-25-6, dated the 21st January 1927, to suggest means for the improvement of the toll revenue in the State having recommended the establishment of certain new toll-gates on the several Provincial and District Fund Roads in the State, Government in their Order dated the 9th June 1927 read above, approved of the same and the proposals received from the Revenue Commissioner and the District Boards for the establishment of additional toll-gates on the several Provincial and District Fund Roads under the above order were also sanctioned from time to time.

Complaints having been received against the establishment of the additional toll-gates as ordered above and the working of the toll-gate rules as revised by the above Joint Committee, Government in their Order No. R. 7669-77—R. M. 9-27-47, dated 5th April 1928, appointed another Committee consisting of the marginally noted gentlemen to review the arrangements already ordered and to examine and report on the following points:—

1. Mr. C. S. Balasundaram Iyer, Chairman.
2. ,, P. G. D'Souza.
3. ,, J. Bhore.
4. ,, Syed Taj Peeran.
5. ,, N. Madhava Rao.
6. ,, L. Vemareddi.
7. ,, M. S. Lingegowda.
8. ,, B. Abdur Rahmon.
9. ,, S. C. Malliah.
10. ,, C. P. Basavegowda.

(1) The location of toll-gates;

(2) The classification of animals and vehicles and the maximum rates of tools provided in the revised schedule;

(3) The adequacy of exemptions contained in the revised rules in regard to animals and vehicles belonging to agriculturists; and

(4) Any other points in respect of which the rules might be revised.

After an examination of the rules and proposals received, the Committee made several recommendations, of which the important ones are as follows:—

(1) That with a view to minimise inconvenience to agriculturists, the system of levying tolls on cattle and other animals be discontinued.

(2) That carts, laden with manure or other substance used as manure shall be exempt from payment of tolls at all the interior toll-gates and shall pay at the rates prescribed for unladen carts at all frontier toll-gates.

(3) That no tolls shall be levied on carts belonging to agriculturists residing within 5 miles of a toll-gate when such carts are carrying manure, implements or seeds or agricultural produce to and from their fields and when they return unladen.

(4) That toll-gates should not be established on State Fund Roads within a distance of 25 miles of each other and that in cases where District Fund or Municipal Toll-gates, etc., situated within this distance, a vehicle should be made to pay full rate at the first gate only and half of the rate at the remaining gate or gates.

Government approved of the first three proposals and as regards the fourth, the Revenue Commissioner was requested to re-examine the whole question of the location of toll-gates in consultation with the Deputy Commissioners of Districts and submit to Government proposals for any change that may be considered necessary to give effect to the principles contained therein in time before the next year's sales are notified. The

District Boards and Municipal Councils who have established toll-gates in their jurisdiction have also been asked to submit their views in regard to the partial exemption proposed.

Meantime, the Cotton Merchants of Davangere at a meeting held at Davangere on 19th October 1928, represented that the system of having a number of toll-gates within a short distance of each other acted prejudicially to the trade at Davangere. The President of the Chitaldrug District Board has sent proposals for the abolition of certain new gates now sanctioned.

At the last Session of the Representative Assembly a resolution was brought forward in regard to the abolition of the toll-gates except those situated in the frontiers. The Government replied that as the contract for the year 1928-29 had already been given for the several gates, nothing could be done till the end of the current official year and that the entire question would be referred to a Committee consisting of two or three Representative Assembly Members and a few Deputy Commissioners of Districts.

Government are accordingly pleased to appoint a Committee consisting of the following gentlemen to go into the question of reducing the number of toll-gates established on the several Provincial and District Board Roads and to submit their recommendation to Government within a period of two months :—

1. The Revenue Commissioner in Mysore (Chairman).
2. The Chief Secretary to Government.
3. The President, District Board, Bangalore.
4. The President, District Board, Hassan.
5. Mr. K. V. Anantharaman, Deputy Commissioner, Tumkur.
6. Mr. Nilgiri Sanjiviah, Member, Representative Assembly.
7. Mr. M. S. Linge Gowda, Member, Representative Assembly.

The Assistant Secretary to Government, Local Self-Government will be appointed as Secretary to the Committee.

The proposals of the Revenue Commissioner and of the District Boards that are received or that may be sent up in the matter will be forwarded to the Committee for consideration.

N. MADHAVA RAO,
Chief Secretary to Government.

DEVELOPMENT SECRETARIAT.

Reviews the report on the working of the Amrut Mahal Department during the year 1927-28.

READ—

Report on the working of the Amrit Mahal Department during 1927-28, received with letter No. Per. 45-28, dated the 13th September 1928, from the Director of Agriculture, together with his introductory note thereon.

ORDER NO. D. 5268-69—A. M. 8-28-3, DATED 22ND NOVEMBER 1928.

Recorded.

The number of herds was increased during the year from 15 to 20. The kavals, particularly in Tumkur, Tiptur and Challakere Ranges suffered largely for want of rains; but a well considered utilisation of hot weather kavals and the sinking of temporary wells relieved the situation caused by unfavourable seasonal conditions.

Stock.—The number of animals in stock at the end of June 1928 was 5,733, as against 5,999 at the end of June 1927 and the birth-rate fell during the year to 31 per cent from 34 per cent. This fall in birth-rate can be traced to the excessive sale of heifers and young calves in the past and as this faulty practice has since been discontinued, Government trust that the birth-rate will come back to the normal.